

# COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO VISION FOR THE FUTURE

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## The General Plan Will Be Guided by Your Vision

The draft San Bernardino County General Plan Vision Statement (see inside) is the result of thousands of comments and ideas from community members throughout the County.

Last fall, hundreds of San Bernardino County residents attended 13 countywide community meetings to share their ideas and help form our vision of the future. In addition, almost 200 trained Vision Leaders reached out to hundreds more community members, resulting in over 7,000 comments. And, hundreds more offered comments in the online Vision Survey.

It was a mammoth undertaking to collate and synthesize all the ideas of all the participants. County staff and the General Plan Advisory Committee (community representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors) met seven times to analyze the ideas, develop a framework and create the draft Vision Statement.

Now, you can help review and finalize our vision during a series of community meetings to be held during February and March 2004.

The final community vision will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval this spring. It will become the basis of our San Bernardino County General Plan, which will guide our future decisions about growth, community infrastructure and our quality of life.

## YOUR VOICE COUNTS

### Shape Your Community

The General Plan Vision Statement that will be reviewed at the second series of public meetings has been prepared by the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and is a key piece of the General Plan program. It is a unifying thread for the General Plan, the community plans (see inside), and the Development Code update.

At the next 11 community meetings, scheduled for February and March, you will have a chance to review the draft Vision Statement and begin identifying the local issues that will shape each community plan.

**Your input into this  
process is extremely  
important!**

# VISION STATEMENT

San Bernardino County is the largest county in the contiguous United States. With over 20,000 square miles, the County contains a variety of landform and climatic conditions, spanning vast deserts, mountains up to 11,000 feet high and the San Bernardino Valley. The geographic and biological diversity of the County is reflected in the character and lifestyles of its many distinct, unique communities. Although these communities may be distinguished by geography, environment, natural resources, heritage or lifestyle, they share many concerns and common goals for the future of the County.

This General Plan recognizes the unique assets of individual communities and will guide the County decision-making so that we may build on those assets, as well as protect and enhance the quality of life throughout the County. As a foundation for the goals and policies of the General Plan, this Vision Statement identifies ideal conditions to work toward during the next 20 years, as expressed in the following desires for the future of where we live, work and play in San Bernardino County.

## WHERE WE LIVE

Our County offers residents a wide range of housing opportunities. Residents may choose to live in traditional urban neighborhoods with a greater array of services and amenities. Individuals may also choose a more “rural” lifestyle, often with a small-town atmosphere, room to breathe and opportunities for self-reliance and independence.

### **Our vision for the future of the County includes:**

- Continued “rural” character in many areas of the County.
- A sense of “place” and community identity in distinct communities where residents may choose to remain in unincorporated neighborhoods.

- Housing in a variety of styles, densities, and price ranges.
- Safe neighborhoods with good schools, activities for youth, and programs for residents of all ages.
- Convenient access to K-12 and higher educational opportunities for all.
- A functional, safe and convenient transportation system including public transit and trails for bicycles, pedestrians and horses.
- Clean air and a reliable clean water supply.
- Growth and development consistent with the maintenance of environmental quality.
- Communities that allow residents and visitors to enjoy the natural and local setting within reasonable limits of infrastructure, service capacities, and public health and safety.

## WHERE WE WORK

As San Bernardino County gains recognition as the crossroads of global, multimodal transportation and commerce, with an abundance of affordable land and a skilled workforce, more employers will choose to locate facilities here, and the role of our County in the regional economy will continue to grow. At the same time, the local regulatory environment will encourage innovation and free enterprise to provide other economic opportunities for County residents.

### **Our vision for the future of the County includes:**

- Excellence in public schools and higher education in order to support, enhance, and expand the skills of the local work force.
- A vibrant and thriving local economy that spans a variety of industries, services and other sectors thereby reducing commuting distance to jobs.

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- Vocational training programs geared toward supporting local employers.
- Reasonable performance-based rules to encourage home businesses.
- Assistance in the development of small businesses and encouragement of new businesses of all sizes.
- Conservation of mineral resources for extractive industries.
- Leading the region as a multimodal transportation hub and spurring economic development through air, rail and highway systems.

## HOW WE PLAY

The plentiful open space in San Bernardino County serves County residents and attracts people from other areas as they pursue a wide variety of recreational activities: hiking, camping, off-highway vehicle traveling, fishing, horseback riding, star-gazing, winter sports, youth athletics, performing arts and other entertainment. In addition, County residents have regional access to beaches and other attractions in coastal areas.

### **Our vision for the future of the County includes:**

- Extension and development of trail systems throughout the County.
- Local parks and recreational amenities throughout the County.
- Expansion of cultural and entertainment opportunities Countywide.
- Continued off-highway recreation opportunities on designated open lands, away from population centers and sensitive habitats.
- Continued multi-use access to public lands including national parks, national forests, state parks, and Bureau of Land Management areas.

## Put the Vision in Your Community Plan

The community plans will supplement the County's General Plan with unique planning and programs designed by each community. We are looking for you to help identify the issues and craft the solutions that will shape your community plan. These may include character, design, land use and density, circulation and infrastructure, and environmental concerns facing your community.

The countywide Vision Statement and the local issues that are identified at the community meetings will be used to form the community plans. They will guide the formation of specific goals, policies, and implementation actions for each of the community plans. In that way, each community plan is linked to the broader County vision, yet also reflects the character and issues of each community. Community plans are being prepared for:

### **Mountains**

- Hilltop (Running Springs)
- Crest Forest
- Lake Arrowhead
- Bear Valley

### **Valley**

- Bloomington
- Muscoy
- Lytle Creek
- Oak Glen

### **Desert**

- Morongo Valley
- Lucerne Valley
- Phelan/Pinon Hills
- Joshua Tree
- Homestead Valley

**Come to a Community Meeting in Your Area!**

## Come to a Community Meeting!

Add your voice to the San Bernardino County General Plan—attend a meeting in your area.

### Valley

**Wednesday, February 11, 7p.m.**

#### Fontana

Kaiser High School  
11155 Almond Avenue

**Tuesday, February 24, 7p.m.**

#### Bloomington

Bloomington High School  
10750 Laurel Avenue

**Tuesday, March 9, 7p.m.**

#### Oak Glen

Oak Glen School House  
11927 Oak Glen Road

**Tuesday, March 16, 7:30p.m.**

#### Muscoy

PAL Community Center  
2450 Blake Street

**Wednesday, March 10, 7p.m.**

#### Devore

Kimbark Elementary School  
18021 West Kenwood Avenue

### Desert

**Tuesday, February 3, 6p.m.**

#### Lucerne Valley

Lucerne Valley Elementary School  
10788 Barstow Road

**Wednesday, February 4, 5p.m.**

#### Newberry Springs

Community Center  
30884 Newberry Road

**Tuesday, February 10, 7p.m.**

#### Phelan

Serrano High School  
9292 Sheepcreek Road

**Tuesday, March 2, 6p.m.**

#### Joshua Tree

Community Center  
6171 Sunburst

### Mountains

**Tuesday, February 17, 6p.m.**

#### Big Bear Lake

Senior Center  
42651 Big Bear Boulevard

**Monday, February 23, 7p.m.**

#### Running Springs

Hoffman Elementary School  
22851 Running Springs School Road

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